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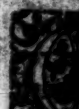

leased all the prisoners in the Castle for Debt, Murther, Felony
and other crimes, who took up Armes presently with them.
They went to the Bishops Palace, where they found several Armes,
and some money of the Country, and there they put Capt. Bay
wollen Draper of the City with 30 men, and others possession of
and defended for 12 houres, untill the Cavaliers had fired one
part of the house. In which Capt. Bay refused, and sowld them
he would be transformed, unless he might be suffered to propound his
ons propounded by him) and (all) the protection of his
person and estate) the which they agreed to, so found was the
Pallace delivered, but all conditions broke, the Capt. seized and
carryed away prisoner, untill he left all the field at the following
fight. All his Armes and the publique Cartridges they took
the Armes and money found in the Castle, together with the
plunder, and persons of the Gentlemen of all the Towns they
marched on Saturday night to Gainsborough, miles off.
This (the) same morning about Friday [illegible] Castle for
Col. Hastings (all) against the Country) (
he fought with, and [illegible] Newarke, Belvoir, Derby, and Burleigh, and
they could, to joyne with a Troop of Horse lately raised by him
by warrant of Parliament for the safety of the Country, and
help to [illegible] the Country against
Country against. [illegible] on Sabbath
Evening, with the number of 500 (all of them newly raised men)
and then understanding by a Messenger, [illegible] from Sir Hugh
Cholmley, that Col. Hastings [illegible] one Miller,
of the Town, [illegible] would shoot
the Messenger over the Walls, [illegible] whether he
if shooting were, Col. Hastings [illegible] Monday morning
towards Gainsborough: In the midway thither, there met and

joyned with him, a Troop of horse from [illegible] which the Generall had put under the command of Capt. [illegible] who met them fresh and bright in and about Warrington Fields 7 miles South of Liverpool. On Tuesday morning by three a Clock they marched through Lancaster towards Cumberland; and understanding by a Kinsman of [illegible] who had been taken prisoner by the Cavaliers, and had escaped that night, that the whole Army was drawn up from Penrith, at two of the clock on Munday Evening and were marched towards Carlisle for Colonel Rossiter for the wish pursued them all that night, refreshed his horse and himself but a little in a meadow a mile from Penrith, where he received intelligence, that the Enemy quartered about Eddington 6 miles before them; hot this spurr caused Rossiter further assurance about 300 horse, the one half from Derby and Scotland the other half of Westmorland and Freeholders of Yorkeshire and Lancashire, who voluntarily would adventure their lives for their Countries freedome. On Wednesday morning Rossiter commanded about 6 of the clock the ablest horse under the command of Capt. Lilburne all Nottinghamshire to pursue at a fast pace, and so by falling on the enemies Reere, to enter or them to a stand or halt, till he with the body of horse could come up to them: They after 7 miles advance overtook the Reere of them, who skirmishing with [illegible] their body of horse and foot consisting of 5 or 600 men, drew up into large Barne field belonging to Willoughby 2 miles from Nantwich, of which Rossiter being informed from the commander of the forlorn, by marching at a full Trot (having no Dragoones or foot with him) within a short time brought his horse into the field, himself commanding the right wing wherein he resolved to charge, But observing that the enemies strength were placed in their body consisting of a party of foot, winged with horse, and those horse flanked with Musketeers, and that with them the men of best quality (as appeared by their outward Garbes) seemed to be mounted, he resolved to Charge the Battaile, assigning his right wing to be commanded by Col. Arbow, and the left wing by Col. Hacker, placing a reserve of horse in the Reere, being suddaine-

ly thus ordered, the enemies word (*Jesus*) and theirs (*Resolve, Resolve*) he advanced to the charge, who was received with much resolution. The bodies and reserves through eagernesse close in together, whereby the encounter proved very sharpe, both sides falling presently to Swords point, and so continued in close fight neither party giving ground for some space, till by the fiercenesse of each party both were put into disorder, being so intermixt, doing execution each on other, the dispute continued a while doubtfull, at last it pleased God to give a full and absolute victory to *Essex* forces, as may appeare by the quality and number of prisoners taken, all their Colours, Armes, and Carriages. About 200. that were best horsed (whereof divers Papists) got off in small parties, severall of them wounded, but at least one hundred of them, were that night and next morning taken in their flight by *Leicester*, *Rutland*, *Derby*, and other honest Country-men, amongst whom was Sir *Philip Monckton* their Generall disarmed and brought into *Nottingham* by Mr. *Boyer*, a high Constable of that County, who deservedly now weares his Sword.

In the first charge Col. *Ruffier* lost his head-peece, received a shot through the right thigh, and some other painfull wounds with a Musket Bullet, notwithstanding which he kept the field fighting till he saw the battaile wholly wonne, not discovering his wounding to any person, for feare it might be a discouragement to the Souldiers: after which being ready to fall through losse of blood, he rode to *Nottingham* where he lyeth Capable of recovery, through the blessing of God upon the meanes used for that end.

In this service, Col. *Hacker* (commander of the *Leicester* horse) who is wounded, and Col. *Wind* (commander of the *Nottingham* horse, having onely his horse cut) merited much honour for their expressed valour. And no lesse is deserved by all the Captaines, Officers and Souldiers, who being all newly raised men, and mounted upon new bought horses (saving Capt. *Taylor's* Troope, and 40 of *Ashurst* horse commanded by Lieut. *Deane*, who likewise is lightly wounded) yet not one of them, nor the country-men, who were strangers to such hard service, was observed

served to stand on his backe, during the whole brunt. And as it is confessed by the prisoners taken, That the advantage they apprehended they had against *Kessters* men by reason of their neighbourhood, gave them as great encouragement to encounter them, as that they had double their number, so confidence to have beaten and ruined them; so the victory is solely to be ascribed to the power and goodnesse of God, who therein hath fulfilled in part that which is foretold by the Prophet, concerning the great things which his people shall performe, in the distruction of him and his enemies: *The weake shall be as David, and the strong as an Angel of God*, in Heroick actions.

Not above 50 of *Kessters* men slaine upon the place, the Generall to his own Troop being the highest Officer, at whose fall his colours were lost, and for a while in the enemies hands, untill Cornet *Rayden* a fortunate in the same Troop recovered them; Captain *Fortescue* who commanded *Derby* Troop dangerously wounded, and so are many other common Souldiers.

About an houre after the fight, there came in two gallant Troops of horse from *Northampton*, who had been in sooner but the speedy marching of the enemy, impeded their finding us out, who presently advanced in pursuit of them.

Sir *Henry Cholmely* also with 600 *Yorkeshire* horse, came then up to the Post at *Nottingham* Bridge, by whose lying on the North side of Trent, and preventing the enemies Retreat that way, this action gained of fighting them: those *Yorkeshire* horse the next day advanced to assist other *Yorkeshire* forces already there, to block up *Pomfret* castle; the enemy having in the castle, and Towne about 600 horse, and 600 foot.

By several Intercepted letters from their Generall Oliver Rochester it appeares that many of the best and best affected in several Counties (before unsuspected) were deeply engaged in the promoting and contributing towards a generall rising in many parts, some of the Prisoners affirme That their Army resolved to have marched Southward after the fight, *Langdale* and *North* to *Lincolne*, in which march they doubted not but to have encreased to many thousands, and to have joyned with others rising about *London*, and to have raised *Colchester* Seige.

A List of the Names of the Officers and Gentlemen taken Prisoners

Sir *Philip Mountgomery*, Generall.
Col. *Robert Portington* Lieut. Generall.
Gilbert Byron (who attempted to betray *Nottingham* Castle)
Major General wounded.
Col. *Edward Popham*
Col. *Chomeley*.
Lieut. Col. *Ralph Asheton*.
Lieut. Col. *Stanop* slaine.

Majors.

Walter Salisbury.
Thomas Bee.
Thomas Beane.
George Roberts.
Sir *Roger Cooper* two Sons of *Nottingham-shire*, the one a Lieut. Col. the other a Captaine.

Captaines.

John Elwidge. *Tho. Mayo*. *Will. Bates*.
Isb. Ryley. *Isb. Mounson*.
Rich. Bradshaw.
Clifton Rowden.
Anthony Wright.
Capt. *Pinkeny*.
Capt. *Dayle*.
Thomas Bird, who released the Prisoners in Lincoln Castle
Edmund Munckton.
Anthon Lee. Cap. *Downes*.
Will. Saltmarsh.

Lieutenants.

Robert White.
Isb. Gridley.
Edward Blackwell.
Henry Hassell.
Lieut. *Bradnell*.
Mirwedeley Dilmer.
Foure Cornets.
Ensignes, besides several other Officers amongst the common Souldiers, who will not yet discover their qualities.
44. Gentlemens names inserted afterwards, severall of which have beene Officers formerly.
Common Souldiers many of them wounded.
10 Colours of horse and foot, wherein the greatest part in Okebagger not delivered out.
Waggon and other Carriages with Armes, Ammunition, and other Baggage.
About 200 more taken on the place.

The names of severall Gentlemen taken Prisoners, whose habitations are in severall Counties.

Gentlemen.

Earle *Rivers* Esq.
Ioseph Constable.
Robert Riddell.
Will. Shellin.
Simon Marsh.
John Hickman.
Gervase Hewett.
William Furdy,
John Rokeb.
Henry Hopkins.
Thomas Dunham.
Marke Johnson
Julian Wombwell.
Rob. Stevens.
Edm. Depwins.
Robert Lawrence.
Anthony Sayell.
Will. Marsh.
Thomas Mourky.
Ralph Hopkins.
Brookes.
John Harsull.
Wood.
Peter Tasker.
Sissill Lee.
Fitzbrandill.
Isaac Barlow.

Isaac

Edward Booth.

Gabriel Armstrong.

Thomas Thurston.

Richard Bustle.

Thomas Brigham.

Two *Lawes* of *Derbyshire* brethren, one taken, the other slaine.

Their Generals order to release the prisoners in Lincoln castle:

To Mr. *Smith* Keeper of the Castle at Lincoln, and of the prisoners there, or to his Deputy or Deputies.

THese are to will and require you and every of you, that forthwith upon sight hereof you release the bodies of such and every of such as you have in your custody, who are there committed upon malice, and for their loyalty to his Majesty, rather then any other sufficient ground: And at the request of the bearer hereof Tho. Bird Captain, who hath been these two years here unjustly imprisoned for his Majesties cause, who will intimate unto you such persons as he upon oath knows worthy of their liberty, you are to deliver such men to him for their enlargement: Of the which fail not as you will answer the contrary at your perill. Given under my hand this first day of July 1648.

Philip Monkton.

Col. *Purington* and Cap. *Thomas Bird* for this Warrant executed.

According to this Warrant I *Thomas Bird* doe set at liberty (contrary to law) all the men within the castle and goale of Lincolne, and also the bodies of *Helen Cooke*, *Mary Soule*, *Anne Fennelton*, *Anne Readnell*, and *Avis Ostler* *. Witnesse my hand this first of July 1648.

Tho. Bird.

It is required that *Thomas Goodwin* Gent. be released according to the command of

Philip Monkton.

* *Some of the women were committed for killing their bastard children.*

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